

Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Alameda Naval Air Station (Alameda Point) Alameda, CA

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Alameda, California, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Alameda is home to the Alameda Naval Air Station Superfund site, which covers 1,600 acres of dry land and 1,000 acres of submerged land on the island of Alameda. Historically, the property was used as a borax processing plant, an oil refinery, and an airport. In 1936, the U.S. Navy acquired the property, and in 1940, began to provide support for fleet aviation activities. The Navy closed the facility in 1997. Parts of the site are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), heavy metals, and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)s. In July 1999, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The Pilot focuses on two areas within the Alameda Naval Air Station site: a former seaplane lagoon (Site 17) and a landfill on the western tip of the island (Site 1).

OBJECTIVES

The City of Alameda will use Pilot funds to hire consultants to design a reuse plan for the lagoon and the landfill. The city will hire a designer to develop a marina plan for the lagoon, and another to develop a golf course plan for the landfill area. The city will also hold public meetings to gather views from the community on the proposed reuses. Both the golf course and the marina project would improve quality of life for the residents of Alameda by providing recreational areas and waterfront open space. Also, the city hopes to combine the cleanup of the lagoon and the landfill by using the dredged sediment from the lagoon as part of the landfill cap underneath the golf course.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Alameda, CA

Site Name: Alameda Naval Air Station
(Alameda Point)

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement
(\$100,000)

Profile: The city will create a plan for designing a golf course and a marina on the site.

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